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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

"By the President of the United States, a Proclamation:

"Once again the season it at hand when, according to the ancient custom of our people, it becomes the duty of the President to appoint a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God.

"Year by year this nation grows in strength and world power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into the circle of independent peoples we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never known before, and not now known in any other country. The thirteen colonies, which struggled along the seacoast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of tidewater by the Indian-haunted wilderness, have been transformed into the mightiest republic which the world has ever seen. Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the two greatest oceans, and it exercises dominion alike in the Arctic and tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Nowhere else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material well-being as high as in our fortunate land.

"For the very reason that in material well-being we have thus abounded, we owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things. With a nation, as with the individuals who make a nation, material well-being is an indispensable foundation. But the foundation avails nothing by itself. That life is wasted, and worse than wasted, which is spent in piling, heap upon heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure of the body and to the power that rests only on wealth. Upon material well-being as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty life of the spirit, if this nation is properly to fulfill its great mission and to accomplish all that we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the intellect better;

but best of all are the things of the soul, for in the nation as in the individual, in the long run it is character that counts. Let us therefore as a people set our faces resolutely against evil, and with broad charity, with kindness and good will toward all men, but with unflinching determination to smite down wrong, strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and in private life.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work, and, in their homes or in their churches, meet devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of these blessings in the future.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

"Theodore Roosevelt.

"By the President:

"Alvy A. Ade, Acting Secretary of State."

MODERN EDUCATION IS ARISTOCRATIC.

It Benefits Only a Small Fraction of the Children of the Nation.

For all the educational system seems to be aware, every boy who enters the primary grades expects to graduate, spend four years in high school, pass on to college, and eventually become a professional or business man, says Rheta Childe Door, in the November Delineator. The schools do not seem to know that any woman outside the teaching profession earn their living. That thousands upon thousands of children, girls as well as boys, are obliged by the hard conditions of life to go to work with their

hands at the age of fourteen seems to be utterly unknown.

The best proof that the educational system has lagged behind is the fact that it is impossible to induce the great majority of children to remain in school a day longer than the law obliges them to. They flee from the school-room at fourteen, most of them to go to work, and the rest of them to learn work. They want to learn to live, and they are not taught that lesson in the school-room.

At the time the public school system was placed on a national basis all the educators were agreed on one common ideal, which was that the schools must be democratic. Courses of study must be founded on the theory of the absolute equality of all American citizens. Therefore, the curriculum was arranged as a series of leaders, leading from the primary school to the grammar-school; from the high school to college, and from college to the White House.

This was intended to be a democratic program. It was, in fact, entirely aristocratic, since it redounded to the advantage of the children of the prosperous and the intellectual classes.

Fully 95 per cent. of school children never advance beyond the grammar grades, and less than 2 per cent. of high school pupils pass on to college.

Now a truly democratic system of public school administration would use these facts for its main basis. Since an overwhelming majority of children will never receive any more education than they get in elementary school, the proper elementary school would be, not a link in a chain, a preparatory department of the high school, but a complete thing in itself; a complete education of a very practical nature. Its object would be to educate children for a world of industrial pursuits.

REST.

Rest is not quitting

The busy career.

Rest is the fitting

Of self to its sphere.

'Tis loving and serving

The highest and best;

'Tis onward unswerving

That is true rest.

FROM THE FIELD.

NORFOLK LETTER.

The Third Church was pleased to have present, and to hear preach, last Sunday evening, Dr. J. P. Barrett. He gave us a good sermon. His popularity was attested by the large audience that greeted him. Services have been held each night this week. Bro. Ryan of the Temple has been present and done the preaching most of the time. As yet the congregations have been small, but steadily growing. Services will continue next week. Received four members last Sunday, Deacon T. J. Lawrence, wife and two daughters, by letter, from the Temple. We are glad to have this good family unite with us.

Last Sunday we had two more in the Sunday-school than at any time before.

Dr. T. E. Baird is reported as continuing to improve. He is still at the Hospital in Philadelphia.

Muss Susie Turpin, one of the most consecrated members of the Third church, will leave the 18th inst. for New York to sail for Porto Rico, where she goes in response to a call from God to engage in missionary work with Miss Tinsley, in the form of missionary work as represented in the Independent Orphanage which she founded several years ago, and has been conducting since. Miss Tinsley has conducted the work entirely independent of any agency other than the Lord, and He has put it into the hearts of the people to respond, which they have done in a most beautiful manner. Some times just when the last of some particular article of diet was being used up and not knowing where the next was to come from, the Lord has graciously sent it in some very unexpected manner. Miss Turpin is going out in the same way—not being sent specially by her church or any Board, but simply following where He seems to be leading, trusting Him to provide the means.

I feel, just here, led of the Lord to say, without Miss Turpin's knowledge or consent, that if any one under whose observation these lines may fall, would like to aid her in this worthy work she is undertaking, mail would reach her addressed to Cor. 29th and Granby St., Norfolk, Va. She will be allowed to carry as baggage several trunks, and such things as any friend might like to donate to the work—might be gotten to them with little expense by sending to her before she leaves. Many of the Sun's readers will doubtless remember Miss Tinsley, as she was here with one of the orphans from the home and visit-

ed several of our churches in the interest of her work a few years ago. And Dr. J. P. Barrett wrote a pamphlet dealing with the character and inception of the work. Miss Turpin above every thing else will need your prayers. Don't forget that.

J. W. Manning.

Wakefield, Va.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write from Virginia. My work began with the Wakefield pastorate first of Nov., and I have enjoyed the beginning fine. My family, after a few months' visit with their relatives came to me, Nov. 3rd. Several of the good sisters here came and helped me arrange my household goods and had supper ready for Mrs. Jones and the children. The good sisters brought all kinds of eatables, and just as the sun was going down a good brother sent in oats and hay for my horse.

We have already come to conclusion that we are in a goodly place, and among a goodly people.

C. C. Jones.

Valley, Va., Letter.

Although no Valley letter has appeared in the Sun for some time, it has not been due to forgetfulness, but rather to pressure of work.

The new conference year has started off well, and bids fair to be a successful year's work. We have been very much handicapped in the past by the scarcity of preachers. Some of us have had about twice as many churches as one man ought to have, and scattered so far apart as to require traveling about 4,400 miles a year to do our work. Under such an arrangement the best results could not possibly be obtained, yet we feel that the Lord was with us, and our labors were abundantly blessed.

With almost the same arrangements as last year we have gone thus far into the new conference year. But just now better arrangements seem probable. Rev. Edward French has decided to take work in this field, and in arranging for him we are hoping to divide the work, at least to some extent, into pastorates. If such an arrangement can be made we shall hope for better things in the Valley this year.

I have recently held my revival meeting at Antioch. The congregations were unusually large and the interest unusually good. Fourteen or fifteen decided for Christ during the meeting. Seven have united with the church, and others may join later. The last night of the meeting, when I had intended opening the doors of the church, was entirely rained out. The people of Antioch are loyal to their church and to their God, and all seemed to enjoy the meeting.

I am postponing my other meetings and staying in Harrisonburg just now, making it my business to attend the revival conducted here by evangelists Brown and Curry. The services are very enjoyable, helpful and inspiring.

A. W. Andes.

Harrisonburg, Va.

A WORD TO TEACHER-TRAINING CLASSES.

I notice from the Sun that several schools have organized Teacher-Training Classes, and it is probable that during the next few weeks, several others will be organized. It is assumed that all those who take this course will wish to stand the examination and receive the Southern Convention diploma. Whether this is true or not, we would like to keep record of every class that is organized and to that end I would like to ask that all classes report to me as soon as they have been organized, giving the name of the school, number in class, and name of the teacher, etc. We will then take pleasure in assisting the classes in any way we can with their work. This is in accordance with the request of the committee on Teacher-Training.

A note will be made in the Sun from time to time on the different classes that are organized so that our people may know what progress is being made along this line. Let the pastors and superintendents take the matter up at once and see that a class is organized.

Yours very truly,

S. M. Smith, Chairman,

S. S. Board S. C. C.

TO ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Dear Co-workers:

It is with a heart full of gratitude that this letter is written. For many years the Sunday-schools of our land have been laboring under great disadvantages and have been handicapped very seriously because of the lack of efficient workers. Laying no discount on the splendid and unselfish work of the host of workers there have been, the Sunday-schools of the past have not done what they might because they have not had the force to do it with. We simply have had to make out with what we had. But another day has come. The question now is not, "Are we making out with what we have?" it is, "Are we measuring up with our opportunities and privileges?" We, at last, have a Teacher-Training course as fine as any and will fit any one to a very high degree of efficiency for the Sabbath school work.

The first book of this Teacher-Training course, of the Southern Christian

Convention, entitled, "Preparing the Teacher," edited by W. A. Harper, W. P. Lawrence, and W. C. Wicker, the Committee, and published by Dr. J. O. Atkinson, has reached us.

I wish to take advantage of the press to commend this work to every Sunday-school worker throughout the length and breadth of the Southern Christian Convention. In my opinion, this work has no superior, and in many respects no equal. It is attractively bound in paper, and contains matter that is exceedingly interesting and beneficial to every Sunday-school worker.

As you are well aware, for years the great cry everywhere has been for a more efficient Sunday-school force—more efficient officers—more efficient teachers, a force qualified and efficient in every phase of the Sunday-school work. Ask the superintendents what has been their greatest need, and almost invariably the answer will be, "Getting good teachers." It is so hard to find good teachers." Yes, it is, especially in the country. To be sure our teachers have done a most invaluable service, unselfish and unsalaried, and to them we must attribute the most of the success of the Sunday-schools. But that is not the point. The point is: Are our teachers measuring up to their opportunities? Have we inefficient teachers because of the lack of ways and means to make them better? I thank God we can say, "No." The day has now arrived when, if we have inefficient teachers, it is because they will not avail themselves of their opportunities and make themselves efficient. The day is past when we have no instruction. It is now that this work is being completed in our own denomination, and we as a denomination are developing at last such work as will fully instruct and qualify our people for the largest usefulness in the Sunday-school world, and thereby the kingdom of God.

Our Teacher-Training course, edited and prepared by some of the strongest men of our church embraces a complete and unique study of the self, the Sunday-school and the Bible. In the first place there are seven lessons on "The Teacher," which instruct in the motive and the purpose of the teacher, the true characteristics of the teacher, the best preparation of the teacher, and methods for teaching and testing and improving.

It also embraces six lessons on the "Pupil," which is a master study of the child, in its nature and conduct, from infancy to adult. This is a most charming study and something every teacher must know before he can reach the child effectively.

It also embraces three lessons on "The

History and organization of the Sunday-school." This is a subject we all ought to know, especially every teacher, for the sake of knowing what this organization is with which he is identified, that he may intelligently impart such instruction to those whom he teaches, thus edifying and dignifying the Sunday-school work.

It also embraces three lessons on "The Institutional Sunday School," which is a clearly outlined study of the Sunday-school in its various departments. This is also needful with many of our people. There are some people in some of our schools who seem to know but little about departments and grades. Naturally they classify a little according to ages, but as to grades they know practically nothing. This will enlighten all who will avail themselves of the book, and it will give them clearer visions of the work than they ever had before, and perhaps also it will be a stimulus to them to put in practice these new and advanced ideas which have already been tried and found true.

It also embraces four lessons on the "Bible as a Book." This is a history of the Bible, both of the Old and the New Testament. It classifies all the books of the Bible, (Old and New) in the Hebrew and the modern classifications with authorship attached. It gives a brief but a clear and concise summary of the subject of every book, and the doctrine taught of God and man. It treats the source of every writing from the standpoint of its genuineness and integrity. How many of our Sunday-school teachers know anything of this matter? And yet, this is one of the needful qualifications of every teacher. When we come to think about it, we wonder how any one who does not know these things can teach without errandings of spirit and compunction of conscience. This book gives you this invaluable knowledge in the clearest and most concise style I ever saw.

It also embraces twelve lessons on "Biblical History." A thread of the story of the Bible is taken up from the beginning, and followed all along the line of Patriarchs, through the times of Jesus Christ, the apostles, and the organization of the apostolic church. This is a profound, yet simple treatise of the story of the books, of the Christ and His followers. No Sunday-school teacher can afford to be without this information. I suppose most teachers have a fragmentary knowledge of the incidents and characters of the Bible, but their knowledge of the story is so disconnected they could not give it in its entirety in any sort of an intelligent way. Here it is, all mapped out for us now.

It also embraces six lessons on "The History of the Church, from its organization by the apostles to the present time. Five lessons on "Biblical Geography" next follow, which give a clear idea of the place, the location, of the incidents of the Bible which have shaped its history. This is also an essential knowledge to the Sunday-school teacher.

It also embraces five lessons on "Bible Antiquities." This is a fine work and worthy of the acceptance and study of all. It is a new departure from the general subject matter of Teacher-Training courses, but it is a very commendable one. It is fine to add such as this to our course. It teaches us what the Jewish tabernacle was; what the temple and the synagogue were; what the Jewish sacrifices and feasts and offerings were, and what they meant, also the styles of Jewish dress and customs.

And last of all we have five lessons on the "Principles of the Christian Church." This is the only thing about the work that is sectarian and this is so only to the extent that our church is sectarian. Here the five cardinal principles of the church are treated to an extent that gives a clear idea what the Christian church is. This is a wise addendum, not that we may appropriate it to sectarian purposes, but that we may inform our people and instruct the young in a clear knowledge of what the church is. There are many people today, to say nothing of the children, who attend our schools every Sunday, regular attendants at preaching, love their church, their preacher and all that appertains to the church, and yet could not, for the world, explain the first thing that the church stands for. I trust that every member of the Christian church will buy this book if for no other reason than to know something about the church.

Now here we are, fifty-six lessons, real masterpieces, preparing a teacher to teach. Don't think the work too hard because it covers such a scope. To consider the study of the Bible is the work of a life-time of course, and then we will have but begun. But this is the essence of the Bible which prepares to teach and to study the Book for ourselves.

The plan is to have every Sunday-school organize a Teacher-Training class of the present teachers to prepare them for the work they have to do, and also a class of prospective teachers,—young folks above the age of sixteen,—to prepare them for the same work; thus constantly creating and turning out a reserve force, an alumni, upon which we may draw when there is need for work-

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Wilbur Wright, the Dayton, Ohio, aeronaut won another prize over all comers at Lemans, France, Nov. 13. The Wright brothers seem to have struck the right line in the invention and construction of air ships.

It is proposed to build, by popular subscription, a monument to the memory of the late President Grover Cleveland. A most worthy proposition, for our country has seldom, in all its history, produced his kind and equal, and in most rare exceptions indeed, his superior.

—Our Raleigh Sunday-school, and Wake Chapel Sunday-school are among the schools that have ordered the Teacher Training books for their teachers. The list should grow rapidly for the book is now ready and is pronounced by competent judges to be the very best.

—It was a pleasure to his many brethren to see, and to greet again, Rev. H. T. Moffitt, at the Western N. C. Conference last week. A broken limb and very poor health had deprived our venerable brother of several conference sessions, and it was good to hear his voice again in the annual session.

—Rev. C. E. Newman, Henderson, N. C., Nov. 14, "Our meeting closed last night. Good attendance, much interest, and a number of professions. Will receive some good members. Rev. C. H. Rowland, who did the preaching, made a fine impression and rendered excellent service. There was universal regret that the meetings had to close."

—Rev. John Blood, Reiglesville, N. J., was a very welcome visitor at Elon College last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Blood preached in the college chapel Sunday morning and evening to the gratification of the congregation here, and also spoke at chapel service to students and faculty Monday a. m. His visit was much enjoyed by friends here.

—There will be Thanksgiving services at Mt. Auburn Christian Church, Warren Co., N. C. at 11 a. m., also sermon at 1:30 p. m. Nov. 26. Rev. J. W. Holt, of Burlington, N. C., will be with the pastor. The public cordially invited to attend. Dinner will be provided for all and a pleasant day is anticipated. The offering will be for the Orphanage.

—Princess Helie De Sagan, formerly Countess De Castellaine, and before that Miss Anna Gould of N. Y., is to enter suit for divorce against her worthless and profligate prince to whom she was wedded four months ago, reports say. This is mentioned here, not because either party named is worthy of a place in public print, but to point out that the high may fall very low.

—It is not often a pastor is honored as is Dr. W. W. Staley in being unanimously chosen twenty-six times to serve so good a congregation as compose the Suffolk Christian church. And it is as equally rare that a congregation receives so good a man, preacher, and pastor, as is W. W. Staley. Fortunate pastor; happy people. The record of facts printed from the Norfolk paper is a most honorable and worthy one indeed.

—Our new book on Teacher Training is receiving the highest praise and commendation on all sides. Those in a position to compare and to judge pronounce it equal to the very best books so far published by any people on this topic. It is a well prepared book and Sunday-school teachers cannot afford to be without it. The price by mail to individuals, post paid, is 60 cts. per copy, five or more to Sunday-schools 50 cts. per copy, express prepaid. It contains fifty five lessons, covers 236 pages and is beautifully printed and neatly bound.

Order of The Christian Sun, Elon College, N. C.

—Ex-United States Senator Carmack was shot down and seemingly brutally murdered on the streets of Nashville, Tenn., Monday p. m., Nov. 8, by one Robben Cooper, aided and backed by his father, Col. Duncan Cooper. Senator Carmack was a brilliant and able statesman, and was one of the boldest and most fearless champions of state-wide prohibition in all of Tennessee. On this issue, in a measure, he was defeated for the governorship recently and the Coopers were bitter foes. It is all a most shameful and deplorable affair. Excitement over the tragedy runs high throughout the State.

—A very agreeable personal letter comes from Mr. T. L. Crawford, Brownwood, Texas. "Thelbert" loves Elon College as fondly as he did the day he graduated here and though without the privilege of visiting the College, and his friends, he remembers them with pleasure and is always glad to hear of their success through The Sun, which he reads with delight. Bro. Crawford is a successful and prosperous business man in Brownwood and has an interesting family of three children, two boys and a girl, all the very pictures of health and happiness and he hopes to educate them at Elon College some day.

Christian Sun readers will feel a personal loss in the death of the venerable and beloved Rev. R. H. Holland, Holland, Va., which sad event occurred Monday, Nov. 9. Suitable and fitting sketches of his life will appear in The Sun from the pen of Dr. Staley who assisted in conducting the funeral, and from his pastor, Rev. N. G. Newman. Verily,

a father in Israel has fallen on sleep, and there is a vacancy that cannot be filled. What a good, cheerful, patient, faithful, hopeful soul he was, and how his heart rejoiced in the good work of his brethren and in all success of the church he loved. We do not believe the first thought of envy, jealousy or malice entered his mind. His work was to give the glad hand, express the word of praise and inspiration. May God rest him, and multiply his kind among the children of men. As soon as cut and proper sketch of his life are ready Sun readers will have both.

—From The Suffolk, Va. correspondence to the Norfolk, Virginian Pilot under date of Nov. 12, the following facts of interest to all Sun readers are submitted:

"For the twenty-seventh consecutive year, Dr. W. W. Staley, the beloved pastor of the Suffolk Christian church, last night was reelected for another twelve months. Every person in the large attendance of members present voted a heartfelt "aye."

They also voluntarily lifted the Doctor's salary from \$1,350 to \$1,500. Doctor Staley had not suggested any raise, but the initiative was taken by his parishioners.

It was a postponed session of the last quarterly conference of the year, at which the following Sunday School officers also were chosen: C. A. Shoop superintendent, John King first assistant, William S. Beamon second assistant, V. S. Kilby lecturer, O. S. Smith treasurer, W. A. King secretary, W. L. Cooper assistant secretary, J. C. Felton librarian.

Hersey Woodward was re-elected treasurer of the church, with John King secretary and T. W. Artman collector.

J. C. Felton was named as a deacon in place of W. H. Gay.

The church during the past year raised for all purposes more than \$5,000.

It was proposed to build a small addition to the church, the first floor of which will be used as an infant Sunday-school room, and the second floor for a Bible class. It will cost about \$1,000.

The mortuary report at the Christian church conference last night tells a remarkable tale and incidentally argues forcefully to the general healthfulness of Suffolk.

Dr. Staley announced that there have been but two deaths among the church members during the past 12 months. Both of these were young persons and were victims of tuberculosis.

There are exactly 725 members."

Chicago breweries report decrease in sales of beer amounting to 94,500 barrels in eight months of 1903.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

The oldest minister in the Southern Christian Convention has passed from labor to reward. His long life has covered the most important events of the nineteenth century and the opening years of the twentieth century. While his position in the world was a modest one his influence through the printed page was far-reaching and helpful. He never lost his interest in the cause of Christ and the Christian Church, though he did lose interest in his own life here and longed to depart and be with Christ.

Rev. Robert Howell Holland passed away at 5 a. m. at the residence of his son, Dr. Job G. Holland. He was born October 16, 1819, and was therefore, eighty-nine years and twenty-four days old.

The funeral services were conducted from the Holland Christian church at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, November 10th by his pastor, Rev. N. G. Newman, who was assisted by Revs. H. H. Butler, I. W. Johnson, J. W. Harrell, and W. W. Staley, of the Christian church, and Rev. W. H. Davis of the Baptist church. The spacious church was crowded by a congregation who took intense interest in the services. He had kept in touch with young life and the spirit of the age and this accounts, in part, for the interest of this generation in a man who really belonged to a former generation, having lived himself through three generations. Young people loved him and found him bright and interesting. In this he was exceptional and exemplary.

Rev. H. H. Butler read the lesson from 2 Cor. 15:20-58, Rev. J. W. Harrell read and the choir sang, "I would not live away." Rev. W. H. Davis read the 90th Psalm, and Rev. I. W. Johnson sang, "Face to Face." Rev. N. G. Newman offered prayer and the choir sang, "Home of the Soul." Rev. N. G. Newman then read a sketch of the life of Brother Holland, and he will no doubt furnish this with a cut for the Sun. This part of the service was very interesting and gratifying to the family and friends. It is sweet for three generations to listen to the portrayal of the honorable life of an ancestor running back for nearly a hundred years, and few have such a distinguished privilege. After the discourse by pastor Newman, Revs. Butler, Johnson, Staley, and Harrell added a few personal and appreciative words. Butler had known him from childhood, had been with him more than any other minister present, had loved him as a father in Israel, and had enjoyed his association and friendship; Johnson had been his pastor for several years, had been aided and encouraged by this aged

counsellor, and feelingly referred to the help which had come to him through his loyalty, his sympathy, and his modest life; Staley had known him twenty-five years, had labored with him in removing old Hebron to Holland, which is now a flourishing church of three hundred, had noted his interest in keeping up with the times in church growth, had noticed his character, stripped of all worldly ambitions and interests, as it appeared as a piece of spiritual statuary ready to be placed in the temple above, and had noted that age could keep young in spirit and hold its place in society to the end; Harrell had not known him so long but entered into the spirit of high regard in which he was held by those who knew him best, and brought his tribute to the occasion where so many honored his memory.

The casket was relieved of its burden of beautiful flowers, the lid was removed, and hundreds passed by, in solemn procession, to view the face of their aged friend.

The choir sang "The Christian's Good Night" and then followed the slow march to the quiet cemetery where the remains were placed within a slate vault, and over that a mound of earth roofed with the flowers which loving ones had offered as the sweet expression of their affection for this man of God.

W. W. Staley.

NORFOLK LETTER.

The series of meetings that have been in progress at the Third Church came to a close Friday night, the 13th inst. Bro. Ryan of the Temple was present and preached Monday night, after that the pastor, Bro. Thompson, did the preaching, and did it well, giving some splendid spiritual sermons. While the congregations were not large at any time there was a steady increase in the attendance, and the little church was much strengthened, and helped by the meetings.

On last Sunday night there were received two members on profession of faith, two boys of our Sunday-school just bordering on to young manhood.

And that Third Church Sunday-school, probably you are tired of hearing about that, but really I must tell you about last Sunday. We had six more than any previous Sunday.

Ours is not the only one that is growing. I have been reliably informed that Portsmouth church Sunday-school had more last Sunday than at any time since it has been a school.

The Temple school is also progressing nicely under the leadership of Bro. Jno. Pitt, the new Supt. Bro. Pitt is a young

man full of hope and energy. He came to us about two years ago from the Episcopal church and seems to be the right man in the right place and thus as the older workers change their residence and places of work and pass out from a given field, the Lord raises up others to fill the places made vacant and so the work goes on and shall ever go on and on, until the final work is done.

I suppose my last week's letter failed to reach you on time or was crowded out. It left here on "seedule" time.

(Was crowded out, but it appears this week.—Ed.)

The Sun is full of good things every week. I hardly see how I could get along without it. I almost wish some times, that I was not a subscriber, just so I could subscribe for it.

J. W. Manning.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

The Christian Missionary Association meets with Spring Hill Christian Church Dec. 8th and 9th. The Entertainment Committee is getting ready for your coming, but it is impossible for us to make our plans complete before you come, unless you who are coming will kindly send us your name. Therefore, it is earnestly requested that every one who expects to attend this Association will please send your name, and also inform us on what train you expect to arrive. The following paragraph will help you to determine this.

All delegates and visitors coming from the East (Norfolk direction) will come by way of N. & W. R. R., the first train upon the morning of the 8th, and get off at Wakefield. We can then get to the church by 10:30 and get busy. Do not come on Cannon Ball train, if you can possibly avoid it. If you should, you will have to pass through to Waverly and be noon reaching the church. If any one should come from the west direction, come either on the earliest train (which arrives at Wakefield about 7:15), or the Richmond Cannon Ball, which also stops at Wakefield (stopping about 10:10) if it has passengers from Richmond to Wakefield. Be sure to ascertain this before you board it. It always stops at Waverly, and in case you cannot get off at Wakefield, get off at Waverly.

You can thus see the necessity of your names reaching us before you yourselves do, also the information as to when and how you will arrive, and also may know just what accommodations may be necessary to provide for you while you are with us.

Send all communications to

H. E. Rountree, Pastor, Waverly, Va., or C. C. Richardson, Chr'm. Com., Dun, Va.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

HOW TO TEACH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOV. 29.

A Few Suggestions.

World's Temperance Lesson.

Isaiah 28:1-13.

Golden Text: I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection. I Cor. 9:27.

Setting of the Lesson. Here again we make a break in the chronological order of our Bible study. But we may well sacrifice chronology for the opportunity to deal another blow to the cause of intemperance. Just at this time a vast wave of temperance sentiment seems to be sweeping our country. This wave of influence must be conserved if the temperance cause is to permanently prosper. Sunday-school teachers are in large measure to be the conservers of this sentiment. Coleridge once said that if he lived in Cornwall, he would preach fifty-two Sundays in the year on wreckers. Surely we can afford to teach one temperance lesson a quarter against the cause that is doing so much to wreck our youth, our homes, and our national life.

Our lesson today comes from the same book of the Old Testament as our last quarter's temperance lesson. The time is 725 B. C., two or three years before the fall of the Northern Kingdom into the hands of the Assyrians in 722 B. C., or five years later than the discourse delivered by Isaiah to the men of Judah in our last quarter's temperance lesson. Hezekiah was king of Judah; Hosea, king of Israel. For details in regard to the place of our present lesson in Bible History, see 2 Kings 17:1-25; 18:1-12; 2 Chron. chapters 29 and 30. The Assyrians are now besieging Samaria and it was to be captured soon, the prophet foretold, because of the excesses of its people. Judah too was playing a double game, being in open alliance with Assyria and in secret treating with Egypt, while her leaders were living reckless, dissipated, luxurious lives; something must be done to stem the tide. Five years ago the prophet had told them a parable and warned them against the evil of drink, but this was assigned last time and so now call for it, Isaiah 5:11-23. This warning had been as pearls cast before swine. Today he gives them a sermon on what is to befall the neighbor kingdom because of their excesses in drink.

The Lesson. The lesson today falls naturally into five divisions, which you may write on the board as they are developed in the teaching.

1. An Example Cited. Verses 1-4. Here you will discover why Samaria was

likened to a crown (being situated at the head of a fertile valley and itself surrounded by many high towers), why the country was frequently referred to as Ephraim as here, why its beauty was as a fading flower, where it was located, what is meant by "the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine," what the Lord by the hand of a mighty and strong one would do for them, who this "one" was, and the peculiar significance of the comparison of Samaria at this time to "the hasty fruit before the summer" (See Hes. 9:10 and Mic. 7:1. The hasty fruit was that which became ripe in June, whereas the regular ingathering was in August; such fruit was gathered and immediately eaten by the one who first saw it.)

2. A Ray of Hope. Verses 5-6. Here find what two things the Lord would be to the residue of his people in that day, what is meant by the residue of his people, how he would help the judge on his bench and the warrior before the gate. Call attention to the peculiar charm of Isaiah's preaching as exemplified in this lesson, how he rebuked the people as no other prophet did and yet how he always held out an open door for them to repent and return to God.

3. An Example Nearer Home. Verses 7-8. Here find that not only the populace as we learned three months ago, but also the priests and prophets of Judah have erred through wine, are out of the way through strong drink. Here call for Mic. 5:5-7, a charge against the prophets, and Lev. 10,9 and Ezekiel 44:21, a prohibition to priests, assigned last time. Next find what strong drink was, how it affected their vision and judgment, how even the sacrificial tables were polluted through their excess.

4. Their Mocking Answer. Verses 9-10. What two questions did they ask and what insolent, ironical answer did they make to their own questions? Show how they mimicked his method of warning them; for this purpose it will be well to try to reproduce verse 10 in the original where the mimicry is evident, as follows: Ki tsav la-tsav, tsav la-tsav, qav la-qav; z' eir sham, z'eir sham. Here call for Hebrews 5:14-14, assigned last time.

5. His Frank Reply. Verses 11-13. (For this latter section it will be necessary to use the American Revision, if you are to get the real force of the passage. For example "for" in the first verse must be read "nay," or you think they, rather than the prophet, are speaking still, and the future tense in the last verse is necessary to make it a prophecy at all.) Find how God would speak to the men of Judah also, who this people, strange and of stammering (see here a

reference to their drunkenness) speech, were, what the rest and refreshing they needed really was (see Mic. 2:10 and Jer. 6:16), and why it was necessary in their case that Isaiah's preaching be as they said it was in verse 10. (Note that Isaiah admits their charge as to the monotony of his warnings, but frankly tells them why.) You may by way of incidental instruction tell the class that the prophecy of Isaiah came true in Judah's history, for they were carried away captive into Babylon in 587 B. C.

Here review the lesson by the topic method from the topical outline on the board, put there as it was developed in the teaching.

Truths and their Application. 1. Impress the golden text, for if the soul gets underneath, a man becomes an animal only, a beast, a brute, and so loses his divine attributes. A little girl once heard a sermon preached from this text. When she went home, her mother asked her what the preacher told her to do that day. She replied that he had told her to keep her soul on top. Who shall say that the little girl had not got the real teaching, not only of this text, but of all the Scriptures as well? We need to keep our souls on top, and our bodies underneath. This also carries with it the proper care of the body, that the soul may have a fitting something to be on the top of.

2. A great many people sin in the face of warning. These men of Judah were warned again and again. Yet they kept on in their sin. No doubt some of your Sunday-school pupils will be secretly indulging the drink habit, while you are quarterly warning them against it. That is all right, keep on warning; you will save some that otherwise would be lost, and God is always a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty through you to the residue of his people whom you, as a teacher in the Sunday-school, reach for Him.

3. There is need of repetition. We do not know a thing the first time we hear it. That is why you see the word review so often in these suggestions as to how to teach the Sunday-school lesson. Weary repetition is the price of knowledge. It is precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little, or else our pupils will not know the very first elements of biblical truth. It is so also of conduct. The will does not act always just because the judgment tells it it ought to act so and so. It takes repetition, the development of habit, then follow righteous conduct and a saved soul. Be patient, dear teachers; hope on; trust in God and he shall bring it to pass.

Assignments for Home-Study. Ask

one to report on Solomon's worship at Gibeon and his prayer for wisdom, 2 Chron. chapter 1; another to find instances of dreams in Genesis with meaning, Gen. 15:28,12; 37:5-11; 40:5-23; 41:1-40; a third chapter on what Christ said of Solomon's wisdom and glory. Luke 11:31 and Matt. 6:28 and 29; ask a fourth to use the subject index of his Bible, under wisdom, and to find several suitable golden texts for the lesson; ask a fifth to memorize and recite on class Prov. 3:13-18. Ask all to read 1 Kings 2:12-4,34.

W. A. Harper.

Elon College, N. C.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

In the Sun of last week Prof. W. A. Harper, President of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, called your attention to a part of the report of the Committee on Home Missions as adopted by the last conference. As President of the Sunday School Convention of the Conference, I wish to call your attention to the action taken by the last session of that convention relative to this matter. As a part of the report of the S. S. Convention Committee on Home Missions the following was adopted:

"Resolved that we as a convention endorse the call of North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference for the Sunday-school Home Mission money, the amount being 5 or 10 cents per member, to be sent to the conference annually. We urge each one to raise the full amount of 10 cents per member for this purpose in order that new churches may be built within the bounds of conference in the name of the Sunday schools."

There is no more important request made upon the Sunday schools of our conference; there is no more promising field of labor open to us as Sunday-schools than that of establishing new schools and through them new churches within our own borders. Therefore I urge every school to send by the delegates of your church to conference the full amount asked for for this purpose. If possible send 10 cents per member, if you cannot do so much, don't fail to send at least 5 cents per member. We are trusting that every school will respond to this worthy call.

Yours fraternally,

D. Jennings Sipe,

Pres. S. S. Con. N. C. and V. A. C. C.
Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 9, 1908.

HAVE YOU AN ELON COLLEGE CATALOGUE?

We had an extra number of catalogues

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We will need 50 or 100 of the 1908 catalogues during the next two weeks; and we will very much appreciate it if that many of our friends will mail us their copies, if they do not need them. Please write your name and address on the cover of the wrapper, and we will send amount of postage which it cost you.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. L. Moffitt,

Elon College, N. C.

FINALLY, BRETHREN!

Just this last word, brethren, before we meet in annual conference: Have you done your best to elect delegates who will come? To raise all conference apportionments in full? To have your Sunday-school send up its Home Mission money? If so, I know you are happy, and I rejoice with you and for you.

But one Sunday remains before conference. If you have not elected delegates, or, if you have elected those who cannot come, will you, each one of you, see to it that their alternates come or that the church appoints others who will come? You cannot afford for your church not to be represented—that would mean that you and your fellow-members are disfranchised in our religious counsels. You respect your civil citizenship, you jealously guard and exercise the right of suffrage, and you ought to. But how much more important it is that you respect your religious citizenship, which is your church membership, and jealously guard and exercise the right of suffrage religiously by seeing that your church is represented in the annual conference!

If your church has not come up with conference apportionments in full, will you not make, each of you, a special effort to do so next Sunday? You may fail, leave that with God, but will you not honestly try? If you will, you will feel better about it. It will do you good. Our apportionments are small, and all of them are equally important. You cannot afford to cut any of them. I hope you will not. **Do try to be a banner church this year.**

Has your Sunday-school decided to send up its 5 or 10 cents per member for Sunday-school Home Missions? If it has not, will you, each of you, not personally try to get it to do so next Sunday. We already have the Memorial printed for your Sunday-school and all the others in our Conference. Won't

you see that your school gets the one intended for it? It will do your school good: it will put new life in it; it will give it a reason for being. Brother L. M. Clymer writes that this Sunday-school Home Mission effort is the most hopeful, helpful matter he knows of. I agree with him. You will, too, if your school once accepts the obligation of doing something for the Master.

I must not close without a word about one of our congregations whose name I will not give. This congregation has this year erected a fine stone church that has cost \$4,000. It has paid for over half of it. It does not intend to ask conference for a cent. Still better, it has raised all conference assessments in full and its delegates will be on hand at the conference wearing broad smiles and expressing their joy in the Lord in their genial hand-shaking. Would that all our churches could be so devoted to the Master's cause! They are, and they are proving it year by year by doing more than they have ever done before.

Brethren, this is to be a great conference for us, if we do our duty. Let us do it.

W. A. Harper,
Pres. N. C. and Va. Conf.

—The mechanical make up, binding and print, of our Sunday-school Teacher Training Course are all that could be desired and those examining the book are loud in their praise and commendation. Sunday-school teachers cannot afford to be without the book. It has 236 pages, tells the teacher how to prepare and how to teach, is packed from cover to cover with useful and helpful information and only costs 60 cts. per copy by mail, or to a Sunday-school taking five or more copies only 50 cts. per copy. The book is on sale at Christian Sun office, Elon College, N. C. Send in your order at once.

Mr. Bryan made a magnificent and splendid campaign, but the majority of our voting population seem unwilling to entrust to his executive ability the management of our Government. All admit though that he is one of the most versatile, eloquent and able statesmen our country has produced.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR, 1908.

North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

Longs Chapel, N. C., Tuesday, 10 a. m., November 17.

Christian Missionary Association.

Spring Hill, Waverly, Va., Tuesday, December 8.

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THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

It was the Forty-second Annual Session. Parks Cross Roads church, Randolph Co., a church of blessed name, honorable history, and hallowed career, was the meeting place, four days of last week—Tuesday to Friday. Rev. L. I. Cox presided over the body and Rev. R. L. Williamson, assisted by Bro. E. Moffitt, recorded the proceedings. Hon. W. T. Foushee a loyal and devoted member of this good congregation set a high mark for all the public speech when he delivered a cordial and eloquent address of welcome in (about) these well-chosen words: "Mr. President, Brethren and Sisters: The duty assigned to me is a pleasant one. To have the Annual Conference of the Christians meet in any church should be, and is, a high honor, and a source of pride, as well as a great pleasure, to each member of that church. I assure you my friends and fellow workers, that this church is not insensible to this honor. For months we have been anticipating your coming and have felt that your stay among us would prove a blessing and a benediction to us all. We are a plain people, who pride ourselves, not upon our fine homes and elegant equipages, but upon our plain, unvarnished, cordial hospitality. We have comfortable homes, abundant provisions, open hearts and willing hands. And what we have is yours; yours as representatives of the church we all love so well; yours as welcome visitors; yours as individuals. We are more than glad to have you, we are delighted. My friends, in the name of Parks Cross Roads church, I bid you thrice welcome. Go to our homes. If you want any thing, call for it, and if it's there you will get it. If we fail in any respect

to measure up to this great event in the history of our church, our heads, and not our hearts, will be to blame. I pray God's blessings upon your labors and your loved ones at home. In the name of every man, woman and child of this church and community, I bid you welcome."

The response was in fitting tone and tongue by Bro. E. Moffitt, and set the house in good and cordial frame of mind for the busy session that was to follow.

Rev. J. W. Patton delivered the

Annual Sermon.

The subject was "The Church Militant.

Text, Matt. XVI; 18—"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

"The Christian church on earth, which is supposed to be engaged in a constant warfare against its enemies, and is thus distinguished from the church triumphant in heaven"—This is the church Militant.

There were three points of discussion: I. Founder. II. Constituency. III. Purpose.

I. Its Founders.

The founders of the church Militant is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

As a Man.

He was (a) an obedient son.

At the age of 12, we are told he was in the temple discussing with the doctors of learning. He followed His parents. (Luke 2:46).

(b) He was intelligent. At the age of 12 in the temple of Jerusalem. At his first public appearance, he was both asking and answering, the questions that astonished.

In his public ministry, it was said of Him: "Never man spake like this man."

(c) He was industrious. He was constantly "about His Father's business."

He would pray all night.

(d) He was economical. When He fed the 5,000 He ordered to take up the fragments as He would have no waste.

(e) He was continually doing good. He went about doing good, ever on the alert to succor, to help, to encourage, to inspire.

(f) He was good—Yes He was God. In his severe temptations, he never yielded. He remained true, firm, steadfast.

God the Father thrice acknowledged Him as His Son. (a) His baptism. (b) Transfiguration. (c) Crucifixion.

As God Man, He possessed supernatural power. (a) His power of perception. Luke 5:22. He had the divine power of mental penetration.

Luke 6:8. "But He knew their

thoughts," and said to the man which had the withered hand, "Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth." He knew the thoughts, feelings and inclinations of those about Him. (b) Works. He turned water to wine, healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, raised the dead to life.

(c) As leader and conqueror. Come follow me. He led to victory. He leads yet to supreme triumph.

As God.

He is (a) King. He is King of kings, Lord of lords.

(b) Founder and supporter of the church. Upon this rock I will build my church, etc. Jno. XIV. Let not your heart be troubled, etc.

(c) He will finally be the examiner. Acts XVII:30. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at." "Because He hath appointed a day, in which by that man Whom he hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance," etc. He will then turn the kingdom over to the Father. 1 Cor. 15:24 and 5.

II. The Constituency.

Jesus Christ is building His church out of fallen humanity. He takes up a man in his lost, ruined, and undone condition and makes him fit to be a part of this grand structure. But before one can become a part of it, he must be

(a) Truthful. He will not use an untruthful man for a place in His temple.

(b) Honest. He makes men honest, and can only use those who become honest.

(c) Good. Best men in community are followers of Christ.

(d) A positive force. There must be a right motive, a pure heart directing the potentiality we profess in the right channel, then we will be used as stones in this glorious building.

III. Its Purpose.

(a) A fighting force. Am I a soldier of the cross, etc. See Mat. X:34. We are to be soldiers—if we follow Him.

(b) To conquer the world for God. All bad feelings of man toward man. All evil practices in life and enable us to do good one toward another.

(c) To save men from eternal death.

(d) To save men in heaven. Jesus our Savior came to save men, and this is the one purpose of His coming, and of our Gospel, and of the church militant—to save men and women from sin and bring them to righteousness, truth and eternal life.

After the session, very appropriate and much enjoyed, the communion service was with due solemnity and reverence conducted by Revs. H. T. Moffitt, and P. H. Flemming, D. D. The afternoon session was given to Report of Executive Committee, and to reading church letters and ministerial reports.

Second Day.

Rev. J. U. Newman, D. D. conducted religious services. After some routine work conference heard the

Report on Religious Literature.

"We are deeply impressed with the vast importance of circulating our church literature. In proportion to the advancement of our people in wholesome knowledge, will be the strength of their faith, the fervency of their love, the activity of their zeal, and the hearty and loyal support of our church enterprises. Religious knowledge is spiritual power. In view of this fact we urge upon ministers and laymen active efforts in promoting the circulation of our church literature.

1. We recommend The Christian Sun, under the successful management of Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D. This paper has strong claims on our liberal patronage. It is sound in the teaching of our churches, clean in type, cheap in price, and well filled with wholesome and edifying matter. It spreads for us a weekly feast for the intellect, spiritual nutriment for the soul, and a condensed summary of religious and secular intelligence.

2. The Herald of Gospel Liberty, edited by Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., and published in Dayton, Ohio, is a most excellent paper and ought to be liberally patronized. We most cordially commend it to our people.

3. The Book Depository under supervision of Dr. Atkinson, the publishing agent, Bibles, Testaments, Hymn Books, and many choice books can be obtained on very reasonable terms. We commend this to all, and suggest great care be exercised in selecting books and periodicals for our children. Secure the best. They are cheap at any price. Exclude the impure and all that are questionable. Such are dear without price.

4. We further recommend that each local church appoint an agent to solicit subscriptions to the Christian Sun and other church literature, and that reports be made to this committee."

This report was presented by Drs. W. S. Long and E. L. Moffitt, both of whom made interesting and instructive addresses bearing on the same.

Following the discussion of this report Conference adjourned to hear

Preaching by Rev. J. W. Holt.

Text Mat. 28:20. "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Subject: Christ with His Church. Bro. Holt spoke, in part, as follows:

We fail to give attention to proper work of God. The hope of any church depends upon,

1. Doctrine taught.

2. Work done.

A church is entitled to succeed in proportion to manner in which it follows

the true Gospel. Deserves to fail unless it preaches right doctrine. Christ would have His church inculcate doctrine. He inculcated in His immediate followers. God made the best world He could. He would have a world following Him in peace, joy and happiness. God would not be consecrated if He imposed condition of torture, suffering, ill-convenience. God's purpose was man's happiness both in time and in eternity. God has never relinquished that purpose. We can only be co-workers together with God when we fall in with God's way. Man's eternal happiness is eternal life. The visible Christ was both inspiration and courage to the early church. Even in retirement and solitude He was with them. And though He is gone in body His spirit remains with us today. A Christless church is a lifeless church. Life means activity—our ability to know things, to do things and to get things. Jesus would have us up and doing. The church that does nothing is practically dead. The power of life is wanting. Form of worship may be kept up, but the church is dead. The soul without Christ is groping in doubt and darkness. A Christless prayer brings no blessing. Jesus is the hope of the world. The world must hinge its hope on His resurrection.

A Christless sermon imparts no life. The sermon without Christ is hollow and empty.

A Christless song lacks the melody of praise. There may be sound, but if without spirit it is but mockery. A sincerity of heart must accompany song.

A Christless gospel brings no glad tidings. The angels sang the good news of His arrival.

We of the Christian Church should accept the doctrine that Christ is with us. An absent Christ cannot help the weak and burdened soul.

A resurrected Christ the only hope of the world. "God is with us," has inspired the world through all ages. Inspired the prophets; inspired the people to build the church. Stephen pelted to death beheld the heavens opened and Jesus seated on the right hand of God. Here was spiritual connection between a soul on earth and a Savior in heaven.

Labors in Christ win out finally. If our faith is like Stephen's, is heaven-reaching, we shall conquer and be triumphant. Christ within is guarantee of success. Christ in the heart's purpose is the foundation of all preaching, and of all spiritual living. God gives His presence now—as to Moses in the promise when he was to lead out the Israelites from Egypt. We need Jesus' presence that it may be our pass-port. Business, amusements, pleasures—all need God's presence. In sickness, in adversi-

ty, in trials, we need Jesus. In death we shall need Jesus.

Church is commissioned to exalt Jesus Christ and honor Him—to teach Him to a lost world and so save it to Him; and thus honor, glory and magnify His great and matchless name."

Afternoon of second day was devoted to Home Missions. The Report was presented by Bro. E. Moffitt, Revs. P. H. Fleming and R. L. Williamson, and after discussion was passed in this form:

Report On Home Missions.

"No work of any consequence has been presented to us for consideration during the past year, nor have we, with the limited funds at our command, been able to undertake any new work either among the old churches, or in the opening up of new points. This we very much regret. We feel that the Conference is not meeting its responsibilities, nor taking advantage of its opportunities along the line of Home Mission work. Surveying the field, as we have, we feel that the time is ripe for a forward movement along this line, if our people would only realize their obligations to the Church and to Him from whom we receive all the blessings of life. We need to work and pray for that larger spirit of liberality and that broader view of Christian activity, which alone can bring to us permanent and increasing success as a Church. Looking to this end, we beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the ministers and delegates composing this conference pledge themselves to see to it that during the coming year the churches which we serve and represent shall, if possible, be induced to bring up to the next conference the full apportionments for the Home Mission fund.

2. That in order to furnish a means for increasing our interest in Home Mission work and to help meet the needs in our field, a special committee be appointed to suggest plans for the organization of a Christian Missionary Association for this conference: said committee to make report to this body sometime to-morrow. This association in no way to interfere with the regular Home Mission Fund, but rather to supplement it by voluntary contribution in the form of annual fees.

3. That since the Southern Christian Convention did not see its way clear to accept our proposition in regard to the High Point work, we continue to keep our money received for the High Point property on interest for the present. This fund now amounts to \$1643.92.

In accordance with the order of Conference, made at its last session, we have

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"He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and his good deed will He pay him again."—Prov. 19:17.

Total Reported Last Week \$1482.13
Monthly Dues.

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Total 1520.94

My Dear Children and Friends:

We are beginning in earnest to think of Thanksgiving—what it has been to the Orphanage and what we hope it will be this year. We have sent out this week about 3,000 appeals to which we hope our churches will respond liberally. My, if every church would average \$1.00, we would almost begin the new year with no debts at all hanging over us. Friends, let us work to that end. This week friends helped as follows:

J. L. Fonville and Cicero Holt, 1 large wash pot; Chas. Johnson, Graham, N. C., 1 bolt canton flannel; Ladies' Aid

Society, Graham, N. C., 1 bolt canton flannel and clothing; Mr. Peter Iseley, 1 keg vinegar, 2 bu. wheat and 6 pumpkins. His son also brought 1 bu. of wheat; J. W. Brown, Asheboro, ½bbl. flour.

We do thank these friends with a very sincere heart and trust their lives may be made brighter because of the kindness shown us by those donations.

Very sincerely,
 Uncle Jim.

Stanleyton, Va., Nov. 2, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed find my dues for this month. Hope this will find you and all the cousins well. Good by: much love and best wishes to you all.

Lovingly, Willie Z. Smith.

Ah, you are on good time, Willie, this month. You must expect old Santa around soon. Don't forget Thanksgiving.

Raleigh, N. C., R. D. 1, Nov. 12, 1908.
 Dear Uncle Jim:

Here is my dime for Nov. How are the orphans getting along this cold weather? My school has not started yet but it will start soon. My teacher's name is Miss Lucy Whitaker. I think a lot of her.

Lovingly your niece,

Eunice E. Penny.

This cold weather is drawing us closer to the stove, Eunice. Sometimes the children will almost hug the stove. Do you do that?

INFANTILE HUMORS.

Nothing is more annoying than a fretful child, and nothing will make the baby cry like sore, eczema-covered head and hands. Don't neglect the baby's skin; it is very tender, and a little neglect now may ruin its complexion for life. Tetterine will cure the most aggravated cases of tetter, ringworm, eczema, rashes, pimples, in fact any form of skin disease, and maybe applied to the tenderest surface on the smallest child. Try a box. 50c at your drug store or by mail on receipt of price.

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ers. It can be readily seen, from the number of lessons, that the study can be taken in twelve months by taking one lesson per week. When you complete the whole work and stand a satisfactory examination you will be awarded a Diploma by the Southern Christian Convention signed by the proper authorities bearing also both the State and the International seals. What honor, what attraction to this work of God!

I trust I may never hear the oft heard excuse, "I haven't time." I know we are all busy people, but there is no amount of work here that will interfere with any one's business, it matters not how busy one may be. These lessons are so clear and concise that they may be understood by the simplest minds, if one can read well and understand what is read. They are arranged for one each week to be taken and I believe any one could take enough time during the week to learn one lesson. The busiest of us take time to read other things, or to do such things as may be most interesting to us. This work is interesting, as interesting to me as a novel and holds the mind as easily.

Let me plead with all the superintendents to see that they themselves and their teachers all are provided with this book and are organized in a class to continue the work for once and all the time. May the pastors also assist in this till the work is successfully launched and all our schools are enjoying the full benefits of it.

As Superintendent of the Teacher-Training Department of the International Sunday-school Work in the State of Virginia, it will give me pleasure to enroll all in my state who take this course and to put upon their certificates and diplomas the seal of my office. My desire is that I may be kept busy using this seal.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Rountree,

Teacher-Training Supt. Va.

AMONG THE CHURCHES AND PEOPLE.

It is perhaps generally known now that Rev. R. H. Holland died Nov. 9th, and was buried at Holland, Va., Nov. 10th. Others will, no doubt, write a sketch of his life. But I wish to add this word of personal testimony to the usefulness of his life. There were several ministers present, who took part in the funeral services, and spoke words of appreciation of his services as a citizen, a Christian and a minister of the Gospel. For ten years I had been intimately associated with him. For eight of the past ten years, I was his pastor at Holland. But I always felt like he was my pastor. During these years of pastoral association with him, I learned to know him well and love him as a Christian father in the church. He was deeply spiritual, devout in his worship, simple in his faith and consistent in his life. He was intensely honest in his convictions. When once he took a position on a question of morals or religion, it was impossible to move him, unless you could convince him that he

was in error. He was loyal to the truth, and would use all the powers of mind and soul to put down error and evil. Verily a great and good man has gone home to be at rest. His messages to many readers of the Sun were read with great helpfulness; he has cheered many hearts by his pen, and been an inspiration to many lives by his kindly counsel and pure life. Triumphant in the hour of death, he yet lives in the hearts of many friends who learned to love in life, and who will cherish many pleasant memories of him in the coming years. Peace to his ashes. May God's richest blessings be upon his family.

The envelopes for the Annual Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage have been distributed. That Institution is in need of more funds for the work, and it is very important for every church to take an offering for this worthy cause. It may not be convenient for every church to take the offering on Thanksgiving Day, but it is possible to take an offering near that time. If all the churches will respond to this appeal it will bring in an increase of money which is much needed at this time.

As we begin a new Conference year, there are many fields white unto harvest. As never before there are calls for more men to enter the ministry, and calls for ministers of the Gospel to do more work in the kingdom. More men and more work is the call of this hour. Certainly this is an hour when our hearts should make many petitions at the throne of grace, for the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest field. The Eastern Va. Conference could use one or two more men within next year. Other conferences have even greater needs. It is the custom now for churches to have a week of prayer for some particular phase of Christian work. I suggest that the Christian Church set apart a week for special prayer in our homes, Sunday schools and churches for men to enter the ministry. I would suggest the week following the 1st Sunday in January. It is possible. It would mean much for our church, and the cause of Christ if even 20,000 people could spend one week in prayer for this special purpose. And if we could make that prayer a personal prayer, a prayer that God would send me or some one from my home, it might transform many hearts and many homes.

I. W. Johnson.

DISTRICT MEETING AT RED HILL 28, and 29, OF NOV., 1908.

Program.

Sat. 10 a. m., Devotional services, by Rev. B. F. Young.

10:15. Enrollment of delegates and ministers.

10:25. Organization.

10:40. The object of the District Meeting, led by Rev. H. W. Elder.

11. Preaching by Rev. B. F. Young.

Dinner.

1 p. m. Devotional services by Rev. J. L. Cox.

1:15. Why should Christians read and study the Bible daily? Led by Rev. G. O. Lankford.

1:45. Should we hold family prayer? led by Rev. B. F. Young.

2:15. A pastor's duty to his church, led by W. T. Biggs and followed by other laymen.

2:45. The duty of the laity to the pastor, led by J. W. Elder.

3:30 Miscellaneous business.

7:30. Preaching by R. W. Hiott.

Second Day.

9:30. Devotional services, by J. W. Elder.

9:45. Sunday-school.

10:20. A general discussion of the Sunday-school by Supt. and teachers.

11 a. m. Preaching, by Rev. G. O. Lankford.

1:30. Discussion of the principles of the Christian Church, led by Rev. B. F. Young.

3 p. m. Fellowship service.

P. S. At night Rev. G. O. Lankford will preach at Richland and Rev. B. F. Young at Randall's Crossing. Rev. B. F. Young will preach Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Richland, Nov. 27.

H. W. Elder.

THE SUMMER.

(Among manuscripts of N. Summerbell, unpublished, I find the following abstract of a sermon on Jeremiah 8:20. J. J. Summerbell.):

Nature's summer is the warm weather, and its winter the cold. When the frost leaves, the summer comes. When the snow comes, the winter returns. We divide the year by 4: spring, summer, autumn, winter; and call June, July and August summer months. Of these June has most sunshine and the longest days; but June is the coolest of the three, and August is the warmest, though its days are shortened.

The work of the summer cannot be done in the winter. Winter is the rest time, the waiting time, the too-late time, when the sinner says, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved." Paul once wrote, "Come before winter." Jesus said, "Pray that your flight be not in the winter."

You cannot well sow or reap in the winter. Do not delay, and be forced to

say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended."

The heat of the summer sun is wonderful. Ask the scientist to tell you of the peculiar power of the sun's heat, over any artificial heat created by man. The rays of the sun come ninety five millions of miles, and set our earth all aglow with light, melt continents of ice in a few days, and warm the world to summer life and organic activity.

Summer experience is optional. The earth is so diversified. In California a few hours' ride brings a man from verdant summer valleys to snowy mountains of winter. So in spiritual things: diverse blessings are near deprivations.

Not all enjoy summer, who live in summer; nor is summer all over the earth at the same time. But if you go too far north or too far south, it is almost perpetual winter. If you tarry about the equator, at noon-time your shadow may be north or south, according to your nearness to the line. True Christians are so near to Christ that their shadow is on every side, and his light all around. There is no dark side of the Savior to the saints. He is all about them, within and without them. In religion we approach the cold region by believing too much, as well as too little. To believe Jesus and the prophets is to live in sunshine. To deny his name or his word, brings one near the winter of unbelief, the cold and icy north of religion. To believe all traditions, all creeds, to believe more than heaven declares, is to approach the cold south pole, from which the sun of truth is scarcely seen. In all places within the polar circles the days are from a few hours to six months long. But that is not the place to reside.

The summer is the joy of the year.

Though the day may be warm, and the sky may be clear,
Yet nobody plants in the wintry frost
And no one puts seed in the snow to be lost.

Summer has pleasure and hope for all,
The wise and the foolish, the great and small.

Summer with its plenty represents salvation. But the sinner waits till the "harvest is past and the summer is ended." The summer day, the gospel day, is long; long for sowing, plowing, reaping; long for work and usefulness. In these long days given us by God much should be done. When the sin-winter comes, in vain we plant or pray.

The summer may be called the life period; the winter the death time. The summer is the joy time; the winter the fear time. The summer is the day time; the winter the night. The summer is

the youth time; the winter the age. The summer is the fulness time; the winter the want. The summer prepares for winter. In the natural life, most joys are in the summer. The future life has no winter, unless it is all winter: for God gives us a long summer in which to prepare to enter the land where there is no night, and the sun shall not light on them, nor any heat.

It is a sad thing for a poor man, to whom a fortune has been left, to lose it by folly. It is a sad thing for a princely merchant to be reduced to poverty. It is a sad thing for a youth to waste his time, and live ignorant, uneducated. It is a sad thing for a mortal to be pointed to an eternal summer, but to choose winter instead. God has given the summer time, and the seed of the fruit of eternal life. When do you plant, and where do you sow, and what? If you plant tares and cockles, your harvest will not be wheat. What shall the harvest be? Where is your garden? "They that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the gardens of our God."

Dayton, Ohio.

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issued orders for \$25.00 each to Mt. Pleasant and Keyser churches to aid in the work at those places."

Conference then gladly heard an inspiring

Address by Dr. J. P. Barrett.

Subject: The Relation of Home Missions to Denominational Growth.

Unless we are a missionary church we should go out of business. Every individual should help and can—poor, as well as rich can and should help. One who says he prefers Home Missions is only making a shift. If people's hearts were open they would give. Jesus has laid the obligation upon us and we sin if we do not meet this obligation. It is our place to give the Gospel to others. If church members would give a tenth we would have plenty money with which to carry on all our missionary interests. I would be ashamed of myself if I did not give all I was able to the advancement of the Kingdom. We must become a missionary people. Some think it a work of charity to help missionary points and needs. It is not charity to help a needy point—it is the simple and plain business of every Christian to give his means to help the gospel cause. When I help others with my means I help myself. A man must deny himself of some means to help the church if he is a real Christian. Our gifts to the church are not commensurate with our material prosperity. We are not giving enough. We are

so close with our means that God will not and cannot bless us as He wants to. God is pouring into our barns and granaries, yet we bring reproach upon ourselves by not giving as we ought and might. God holds us responsible for what we might give and are able to give. We allow our church enterprises and mission interests to lag and laze along because we will not give our means as we ought and as we can. For every \$2.00 we give one soul is saved in heathen lands. This is the average. God will bring great blessings upon the men and women who help to spread the gospel. The minister who gets his own salary and does not bring up all conference claims is doing violence to the cause. Our people would be a better and more prosperous people if they would give more for missions and the church."

A paper by Rev. L. I. Cox was read by Dr. Newman, "Our Need of More Home Mission Efforts." This was an excellent paper and is promised for publication in The Sun.

The first half of the third day was given to Education. The Report was upon points not of general interest. Following a discussion by Rev. J. W. Patton, Chairman, and others, Dr. J. U. Newman delivered a very lucid and learned address on the

Need of a Divinely Called and Educated Ministry.

Two classes of ministers—Satan's ministers, and God's ministers. Satan's ministers are divided into two classes—Educated and uneducated. All the first class need is little sense and a wicked heart. Second class need educated head and sinful heart.

God's ministers divided into three classes. 1. Divinely called. 2. Divinely educated. 3. Divinely inspired. With these the church has accomplished its work in part and with these we will conquer the world. Not with one of these classes will we do the work. Not sufficient to be divinely called. Simply with the call the man is not prepared. More than all is necessary. Moses not ready when he felt called and slew the Egyptian. He was called then, but must undergo 40 years of divine training. Judas was called by the Savior and received 3 years training. But Judas was not prepared. The eleven were called, educated and divinely inspired. Men who have accomplished most have been divinely called, inspired, trained.

However much one is called he must be trained. To be called is not sufficient. One may be called to be an engineer but we do not want to ride a train behind him until he learns how to handle and manage an engine. Training

head only small part of his training. Educated mind can do much. God gave us our minds and it is a privilege to train them to do much efficient service. Mr. Spurgeon and Mr. Moody's education quite limited, but what they lacked in mental training was partly made up in divine training and inspiration. A man's duty to himself and Christ is to get best education within his reach. Elon College furnishes best advantages to our young ministers—and our young people generally.

One great purpose of training is to know more of God, of the Bible, of things that are eternal. A man must know his Bible—what God's will is. Men in pulpit who have most power are men who know their Bible. Inspiration comes of this. Know the Word of God.

President Moffitt's address on The Relation of the Churches to Elon College was well received and much appreciated by Conference. Following this was a

Sermon by Rev. P. H. Fleming, D. D.

Text: Mark 14:8. "She hath done what she could."

Subject: A Box of Ointment.

Christ was in the home of his friends, Saturday, p. m., April 3—six days before His crucifixion. There were present Simon, Lazarus, John the beloved, Peter, Judas Iscariot, also two others, Mary and Martha—redeemed womanhood. Each type loved the divine Lord. Different characters there: Earth, Heaven, Grave, Sick chamber and even Hell had representatives there. The heroine of Bethany. She who came in with box of ointment.

1st lesson is that of work. A deed of personal work. Something she could do. A deed of personal love. Greatest service is to give oneself to Him and His service. Gift was not only precious, but personal service—bringing the box and breaking it. Expression of her devotion. If one loves Christ one will do and dare and suffer. She hath wrought a good work. She hath done what she could. Christ's estimate is according to our ability. God does not demand of me that which I cannot perform.

Poor widow—casting in her mite. Christ rewards according to willingness or unwillingness. Nothing done for Jesus' sake is wasted. We need to honor Christ with our first and best. Livingstone's life not wasted. A lesson of work.

2nd. A lesson of Faith. The act looks to a future—she did it for my burial. Loving service done for Jesus is an act of faith and prophecy. This woman knew little of church doctrines, etc., but she loved Christ. Christ appreciated this act. He was alone in the world. Human

sympathy found in Him a worthy and an appreciative subject. He appreciated human sympathy and love.

His own life on earth was the breaking of boxes of ointment—bringing about fellowship, sympathy, brotherly love. Human misery locked in human hearts—need a box of ointment. Break the boxes of ointment in the home. Need to break boxes of ointment in the church. May have misunderstanding in church. Break boxes of ointment—begin to think kindly and speak lovingly. Mary broke the box and did not count it loss. Judas did. He finds faults. One is love, other hate.

What can I do for Jesus? I can use my mind, my heart, my time for Him. Work is great. But each has his share. Each can do his part."

Afternoon session was given to routine work, followed by,
(Concluded next week.)

A BIT OF WISDOM.

"Grasp the nettle with both hands,
And it shall not sting."
Take this bit of wisdom, dear,
Into everything.
If the lesson's long and hard,
At it with your might!
Foolish people stand and fret,
Wonder what to do,
Bear their troubles twenty times—
Such a silly crew!
Get the trial over, dear.
Never frown or pout.
Carry not tomorrow's load,
Little heart, today:
Trip with happy feet along
Life's uneven way.
"Grasp the nettle with both hands,
And it will not sting."
Take this bit of wisdom, dear,
Into everything.

"JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED."

"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye; but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"—
Luke 6:41.

Judge not; the workings of his brain
And of his heart thou canst not see;
What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,
In God's pure light may only be
A scar, brought from some well-worn
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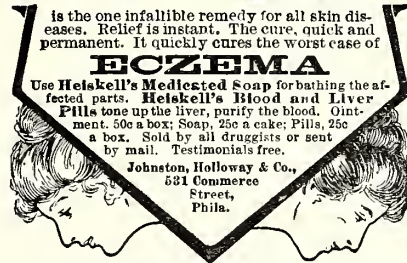
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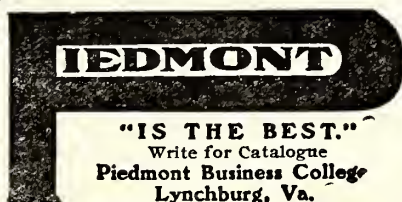
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MARRIED.**Raby-Watkins.**

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Watkins, at 7:00 a. m., November 3, 1908, Windsor, Va., Dr. James M. Raby and Miss Elmina Maie Watkins were united in marriage. The parlor had been tastefully decorated in green and white. Two beautiful lamps cast mellow light over this golden scene. The room was filled with the family and friends. Little Misses Louise and Mary Herbert Watkins, nieces of the bride, held the ribbons that led from the door of entrance up to the altar, while the bride's sister, Miss Garry Watkins, rendered Lohengrin's wedding march, as the couple entered; Mendelssohn's "O For the wings of a Dove," during the ceremony; and Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bride and groom retired. Miss Garry and the little ribbon girls were dressed in white, and the bride was gowned in a tailor made travelling suit of brown imported broad-cloth, with brown hat to match. They left on the morning train via O. D. steamer from Norfolk for New York, Fall River, and Boston. This scribe was the minister who enjoyed breakfast with the bride at her father's table and united the happy pair.

The groom is a practicing physician in Windsor, where they will make their home.

W. W. Staley.

DIED.**Hargrave.**

Little Garnett Lee, daughter of Bro. and Sister R. H. Hargrave, aged 4 years and 3 months, departed this life Oct. 29, 1908. She was sick but a few days, yet a great sufferer. Funeral was held at Wakefield, conducted by the writer.

May the good Lord bless the parents.

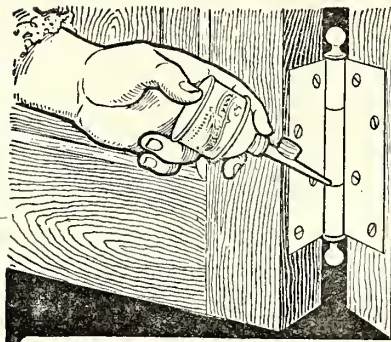
C. C. Jones.

Barker.

Mr. Jas. A. Barker was instantly killed by a railway accident about two miles south of Walnut Cove, N. C., on the N. and W. railroad Oct. 31, 1908. His age was 70 years, 3 months, and 4 days. He was a devoted husband, affectionate father and kind friend. He leaves three sons, two daughters, two brothers and two sisters. His wife passed into the spirit world in February, 1908. His funeral service was conducted by the writer at Salem Chapel Christian church in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing friends and the remains were interred in the church cemetery.

May God bless and console the bereaved ones. We trust their sorrow is not without hope.

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Jones.

William J. Jones departed this life at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Langston, Holland, Va., Oct. 31, 1908, in the fiftieth year of his age. For the past twenty years he had been an intense sufferer from rheumatism, but a few weeks ago these pains ceased and a rapid case of tuberculosis developed. He was the only surviving child of the late James Rawls Jones by his first marriage, to Martha Elizabeth Rawls. He leaves one half brother, T. J. Jones, four half sisters, Mrs. D. H. McCullers, Mrs. J. G. Holland, Mrs. J. D. Langston, and Mrs. W. J. Holland, and a step-mother, Mrs. B. M. Jones, all of Holland, Va., except Mrs. McCullers, of Clayton, N. C. The deceased was a member of Holy Neck Christian church. He had a kind and generous disposition and had a large number of friends and sympathizers. He never married, but was kindly cared for in his last affliction in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Langston. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Holland Christian church and the remains buried in the family plot at the old home near by. We extend our sympathy to the family.

N. G. Newman.

Hunley.

Sister Mary M. Hunley, daughter of Bro. and Sister Peter Gerringer and wife of Bro. Walter H. Hunley, was born May 27, 1873, and died Aug. 22, 1908, aged 35 years, 2 months and 25 days.

She professed faith in Christ and joined Bethlehem Christian Church in early life and lived a consistent Christian to her death. She was married to Bro. W. H. Hunley June 25, 1895.

She leaves a mother, father, brother, husband and two children to mourn their loss. She died trusting in Jesus. She was buried in Bethlehem cemetery, Aug. 23, 1908. Funeral by the writer, Oct. 18, 1908. The church, pastor, and community extend deepest sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

Thos. W. Strowd.

Hatch.

Mrs. Emma Hatch, fifty nine years old, died last Saturday morning at four o'clock after an illness of two weeks. Her body was interred in the Centerville cemetery Sunday afternoon. The funeral sermon was preached by her pastor. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons and two daughters and a host of friends. Her husband preceded her to eternity several years.

It is a most pathetic scene to witness a group of sons and daughters, with torn, broken and bleeding hearts, bending over the dead form of a departed moth-

er who loved them so, and had sacrificed her life for them. The name and life of mother is the most appealing of all other personages, of all other names. No one could blame them for weeping, yea, a world could weep because it is mother gone. It is right to weep; it is natural; it is expected by all righteous-thinking people. Who would not weep for the loss of the dearest one on the face of the earth. Only the heart of stone void of all love and human sympathies would refuse to weep.

There is, however, that which calms every soul and quiets every grief. They who die in the Lord leave behind them a hope which no other circumstance can give. The Revelation said to John, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." The writer of the Hebrews tells us all about that "rest to all the people of God." Matthew tells us of the blessedness of him that "endureth to the end and shall be saved." Revelation tells us to "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." These are a few of God's promises as a reward to the righteous. These also are offered to all who will believe. Therefore, it matters not how sorely stricken with grief we may be, how hard it seems to give up the ties of this life there is that silent, steady and constant stream of hope both for our departed ones and for ourselves which calms the swelling griefs of the soul, quiets the distressing fears, dries away the flooding tears, and lifts the soul upward, making faith in the Lord stronger and determination for God and glory more vital.

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The faculty of the school of music of Elon College on Monday evening, November 9th, at 8 o'clock, in the college chapel, rendered a most excellent and artistic program.

The audience was large and attentive. These recitals attract at least one of the most popular assemblages we have during the year. Misses Wilson and Pitt sang, Miss Ramsay presided at the piano.

The following invitation has been issued:

The Philologian Literary Society of Elon College requests the honor of your presence at its Tenth Annual Entertainment, Thursday evening, November twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and eight at eight o'clock, College Chapel. The program consists of music, orations and debate.

The many friends of Miss Mary Watson will be interested in the following:

Dr. and Mrs. George Saunders Watson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Lillian to Mr. Thomas William Chandler on the afternoon of Wednesday the twenty-fifth of November, nineteen hundred and eight at half after three o'clock, Elon College Chapel, Elon College, North Carolina.

On November tenth there was given in the College Chapel a recital by the students in elocution. The program was interesting, well rendered and much enjoyed.

November twelfth the second program was rendered by students of the Department of Elocution.

The quarterly reports have been sent out and parents and guardians can see what their children and wards are doing in school.

Dr. J. P. Barrett and Rev. J. D. Wicker have been welcome visitors on the hill for a short time recently. They were enroute to the Western N. C. Conference. J. T. C.

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